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TOPIC Parndorf Airfield

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Information

The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Parndorf airfield between 21 December 1954 and 7 January 1955. Some of the air activity was seen from Bruck/Leitha:

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21 December. Between 0900 and 1500, jet aircraft made individual flights at intervals of about 30 minutes and at altitudes of about 800 meters over Bruck/Leitha. The aircraft approached from the field, flew a bank over the steeple of Bruck and returned to the field. There was a 5/10 overcast. At about 1500, 18 jet aircraft, 2 twin-engine monoplanes and 1 single-engine monoplane were parked at the field.

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22 December. Between 0500 and 0600, there was no air activity. There was a 4/10 overcast. Between 0900 and 1500, jet aircraft made individual flights at intervals of about 25 minutes and at altitudes of about 800 meters. The aircraft approached from the east, flew a bank over the Bruck sugar works and returned in the direction of the field. Between 1500 and 1600, there was no air activity. Twenty-two jet aircraft, 2 twin-engine monoplanes and 1 single-engine monoplane were counted at the field. At about 1800, there was no air activity.

23 December. No air activity was observed. There was a 5/10 overcast.

24 December. At about 0600 and 1330, there was no air activity. There was a 5/10 overcast. Twenty-two jet aircraft, 2 twin-engine monoplanes and 1 single-engine monoplane were seen at the field.

25, 27 and 28 December. There was no air activity. There was a 6/10 to 7/10 overcast and intermittent snowfall.

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29 December. Between 1200 and 1400, 5 individual jet aircraft were seen aloft at intervals of about 20 minutes at altitudes of about 1,000 meters. The aircraft approached from, and returned to, the east.

30 December. Between 2400 and 0100, there was no air activity. There was a 5/10 overcast. Between 1300 and 1400, 22 jet aircraft, 2 twin-engine monoplanes and 1 single-engine monoplane were seen at the field. The aircraft were covered by tarpaulins. Two blue stripes, 10 to 15 cm wide, were visible on the leading edges of the rudder assemblies of two of the jet aircraft.

31 December to 4 January. No air activity was observed.

5 January. Between 0500 and 0600, there was no air activity. Between 1300 and 1400, some jet aircraft were surrounded by 10 to 15 soldiers, while one soldier inside the aircraft was apparently giving the instruction. There was no flying. There was a 5/10 overcast.

6 and 7 January. No air activity was observed.

Comment. Parndorf airfield is still occupied by one Soviet fighter regiment. The observations on air activity and on instruction being held agree with observations made at airfields in East Germany. During the winter, the personnel who arrive in fall receive initial training. MiG-15s [redacted] were repeatedly seen in Parndorf; [redacted]

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